store of \\ines and therefore, it \\as presumed "would not be taken in ill part of them

Here the ships of Sir Walter purposed to "water whilst the rest of the fleet plied up and down, looking for the Adelantado But whilst the casks were being prepared, about midnight, being the 16th September, a message was brought that my Lord General was borne up for Fayal, and meant to tale it straight-way, and therefore willed Sir Walter to follow with all speed instantly, further that all wants of water and fresh \ictuals should be supplied at Fa^al The ships with Sir Walter accordingly weighed anchor and next morning maling Fayal entered the road but found not the Lord General, whereat the^ greatly marvelled, because when he had sent for them, he was SIT leagues nearer to it than they As soon as the fleet was seen, the inhabitants of the town began to pack away with bag and baggage all they could The town, which is some four miles from the place were they were, was defended by two forts, one at the end, the other on the top of a high mountain near adjoining, very inaccessible by nature, and artificially fenced with flankers, rampiers, and a ditch, and with six pieces of great artillery, and 200 Spaniards for a garrison There were also sent sis companies to intrench themselves on the shore side to impeach the landing of our men

Hereupon Sir Walter in his barge rode close aboard the high fort and all along the shore side towards the town to see what fit place there was to make a descent against the Lord General's coming So Sir Walter held a council of many captains and officers to consult of taking the town if still the Lord General came not. Moreover the soldiers and manners began to mutiny

and rail on the Rear-admiral and all the commanders as not daring the taking of the town, and besides they were more eagerly set upon the spoil because they saw no great likelihood of any other benefit to be gotten from this voyage. At this council, some would by no means consent to the landing without the Lord General's knowledge, and especially Sir Gelly Merrick, but those of Sir Walter's own squadron were of the contrary opinion They stayed therefore two days, and then a third, but on the fourth Sir Walter determined to land

They made ready therefore a barge, a long boat, and a pinnace